

## **REMARKS**

Applicants' representative communicated with the Examiner via email from March 16, 2010 through April 2, 2010 and discussed proposed claim amendments and the cited references. Applicants and their representative thank the Examiner for his time. Based upon the communications with the Examiner regarding the proposed claim amendments, Applicants submit that the claims, as amended herein, are patentable over the cited references. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the previous rejections.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned if any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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